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TAGS: OVIP (RENGER, ANNE MARIE), PINT, GW, US
SUBJECT: VISIT OF HIGH-LEVEL SPD BUNDESTAG GROUP TO THE U.S., JUNE 25-JULY 7, 1978

1. BUNDESTAG VICE PRESIDENT ANNEMARIE RENGER AND FOUR OTHER SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES PLAN TO VISIT THE U.S. FROM JUNE 25 TO JULY 7. FRAU RENGER HAS WRITTEN THE AMBASSADOR ABOUT HER PLANS. WE REPLIED THAT THE EMBASSY FULLY SUPPORTS THE APPOINTMENTS WHICH HER DELEGATION IS SEEKING, AND WE SUGGESTED THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS (E.G., STUART EIZENSTAT) BE CONSIDERED. THE SPD HAS ASKED THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND HERR KRISTIAN MUELLER-OSTEN, HEAD OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION, TO WORK UP THE PROGRAM. MUELLER-OSTEN WILL ACCOMPANY THE GROUP IN THE U.S.

2. IN ADDITION TO FRAU RENGER AND MUELLER-OSTEN, THE GROUP INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

A. KONRAD PORZNER: WHIP OF THE SPD CAUCUS (FRAKTION) SINCE 1975.

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B. MANFRED SCHULTE: MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL; CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ELECTIONS, IMMUNITIES AND AGENDA.

C. PETER CORTERIER: SPOKESMAN OF THE SPD FRAKTION'S

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WORKING GROUP ON FOREIGN POLICY; VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN ATLANTIC SOCIETY.

D. PETER MAENNING: BERLIN DEPUTY, MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF YOUNG ATLANTIC POLITICIANS.

E. TWO SECURITY OFFICIALS WILL ACCOMPANY FRAU RENGER.

3. AS PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESTAG, FRAU RENGER VISITED THE U.S. TWO YEARS AGO. THE CURRENT BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT, KARL CARSTENS (CDU), VISITED THE U.S. EARLIER THIS YEAR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRAU RENGER HOPES TO USE HER JUNE 25-JULY 7 TRIP PRIMARILY TO DEEPEN HER (AND HER FRAKTION'S) CONTACTS WITH CONGRESS. EXCEPT FOR PORZNER, ALL MEMBERS OF HER DELEGATION BELONG TO THE SPD FRAKTION'S "WORKING GROUP USA", LED BY HORST EHMKE. THE FRAKTION HAS ASKED FOR AN ITINERARY ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES.

4. WASHINGTON, D.C. - SUNDAY, JUNE 25 TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28. HOTEL: WATERGATE.

A. APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED WITH: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, SECRETARY VANCE, DR. BRZEZINSKI, SPEAKER O'NEILL, MEMBERS OF THE SFRC AND THE HIRC, MAJORITY AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINORITY LEADERS IN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE, MEMBERS OF THE CSCE COMMITTEE (DANTE FASCELL, SPENCER OLIVER), SUB-COMMITTEE FOR DISARMAMENT OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE (SENATOR JACKSON), LABOR SECRETARY MARSHALL (THEMES: UNEMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION FOR WOMEN), GEORGE MEANEY AND OTHER AFL-CIO LEADERS, AND THE PRESS.

B. IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE GROUP ALSO HOPES TO SEE ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST, ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN, HODDING CARTER, AND MEMBERS OF EUR AND EUR/CE.

C. FRAU RENGER WILL DELIVER A LECTURE TO THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND ON "HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE EQUAL STATUS OF WOMEN."

D. MAENNING HOPES TO MEET WITH PETER W. HAAS IN THE PENTAGON, AND WITH HELMUT SONNENFELDT.

E. ON JUNE 28, THE GROUP MAY TAKE PART IN A "MARINE PARADE."

5. NEW YORK - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, TO SUNDAY, JULY 2.

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HOTEL: UNITED NATIONS PLAZA.

A. MEETINGS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED WITH: THE FRG CONSUL GENERAL AND FRG UN DELEGATION, THE PRESS, MEMBERS OF OTHER UN DELEGATIONS, AND FRG UN OFFICIALS.

B. THE GROUP HOPES TO MEET SEVERAL HOURS WITH THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS, IN FRAU RENGER'S WORDS, "FEARS ABOUT A GROWTH OF NEO-NAZI ACTIVITIES IN THE FRG."

C. FRAU RENGER MAY DELIVER A SPEECH TO THE DEUTSCHER VEREIN.

D. CORTERIER MAY DELIVER A SPEECH TO THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON GERMANY.

6. SAN FRANCISCO - SUNDAY, JULY 2, TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 5.
HOTEL: TO BE SELECTED BY THE CONSUL GENERAL.

A. APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED WITH: THE FRG
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CONSULATE GENERAL, MAYOR AND CITY OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, GOVERNOR BROWN, JESSE UNRUH, AND KENNETH CORY (STATE ADMINISTRATION).

B. SCHULTE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO A GROUP INTERESTED IN DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS.

C. THE GROUP HOPES TO VISIT STANFORD AND BERKELEY, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN JULY 4 ACTIVITIES.

7. LOS ANGELES - WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 TO FRIDAY, JULY 7. HOTEL: TO BE CHOSEN BY THE FRG CONSUL GENERAL.

A. APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED WITH: THE MAYOR AND CITY OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, UCLA, AND GERMAN CULTURAL GROUPS (E.G., IN PHOENIX).

B. SCHULTE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING DISARMAMENT BEFORE A GROUP SUCH AS THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL.

8. CORTERIER, MAENNING AND SCHULTE HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETINGS WITH THE AMERICAN PRESS, PARTICULARLY IN SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES.

9. CORTERIER, MAENNING AND SCHULTE SPEAK EXCELLENT ENGLISH. PORZNER'S ENGLISH ABILITY IS GOOD. FRAU RENGER UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH BUT PREFERS TO SPEAK IN GERMAN.
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